

# ARKANSAS

## BROILER HATCHERY



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### ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending December 3, 2005. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2004, but up 8 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through December 3, 2005 were 1.19 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

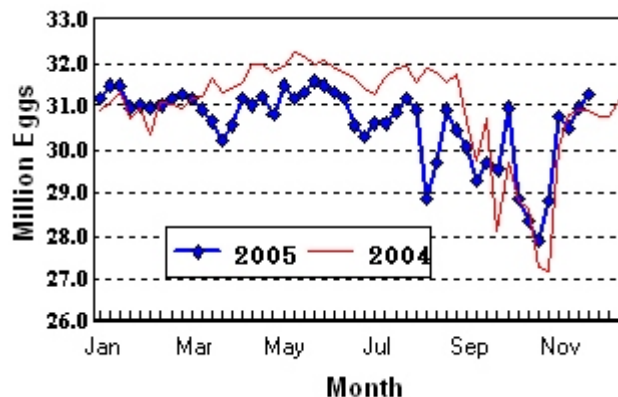
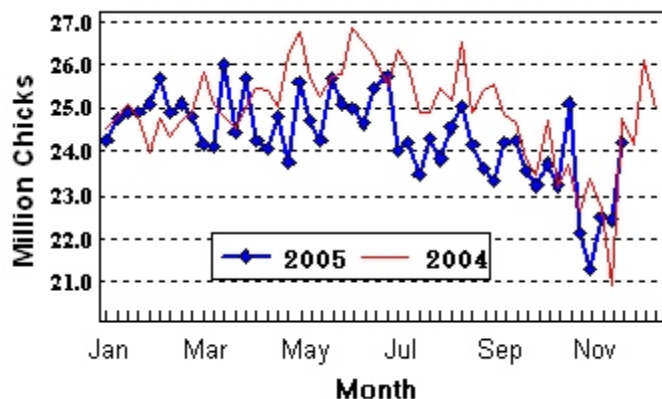
The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 6 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries set 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending December 3, 2005, up 1 percent from both the same period last year, and from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 29	23,732	25,082	106	24,573	25,779	105	27,242	27,886	102
Nov. 5	22,634	22,153	98	23,869	23,994	101	27,142	28,826	106
Nov. 12	23,357	21,300	91	23,693	23,467	99	30,052	30,760	102
Nov. 19	22,691	22,501	99	22,636	23,205	103	30,824	30,495	99
Nov. 26	20,983	22,459	107	22,520	23,880	106	30,922	30,960	100
Dec. 3	24,740	24,212	98	24,837	25,421	102	30,902	31,284	101

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005

EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec		29-Oct	05-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	
Alabama	31,494 *	30,847	31,535 *	31,711	107	20,934	20,125	20,224	19,606 *	20,419 *	21,090	102
ARKANSAS	30,760 *	30,495	30,960	31,284	101	25,082	22,153	21,300	22,501	22,459 *	24,212	98
Delaware	3,484	3,797	3,995	4,017	104	5,289	4,912	5,960	4,697	5,897	5,068	96
Florida	1,374	1,364	1,364	1,374	103	1,567	1,646	1,542	1,640 *	1,644 *	1,719	105
Georgia	32,315	32,511	34,393	33,839	102	25,934	25,791	25,770	24,600	26,195 *	26,756	102
Kentucky	6,900	6,853	6,973	6,599	95	6,051	5,393	4,998	5,563	5,854	5,707	97
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	4,136	4,136	104	3,871	3,920	3,694	3,852	3,507	4,235	111
Maryland	8,842	8,787	8,952	8,885	103	5,388	5,933	4,781	5,443	5,148	5,456	121
Mississippi	18,059 *	18,477	18,484	18,704	97	15,771	14,936	16,223	14,960	16,395	15,850	94
N. Carolina	18,060 *	18,409	18,918 *	17,807	104	13,853	14,433	14,798	14,999	14,144 *	14,963	101
Oklahoma	6,606	6,676	6,679 *	6,679	103	5,218	5,542	5,396	4,539	4,942 *	5,100	115
Pennsylvania	4,272	4,285 *	4,008 *	4,032	106	3,034	3,036	2,767	2,911 *	3,021 *	3,054	105
S. Carolina	4,937	4,658	5,060	5,097	106	5,049	4,243	4,273	4,085	4,509	3,865	91
Texas	14,891	15,179	14,912	15,157	101	12,100	12,352	11,137	11,518	12,756	12,608	104
Virginia	6,374	6,377	6,388	6,378	100	4,933	4,859	4,976	5,083	5,173	5,342	96
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,049	18,121 *	18,043 *	17,694	106	16,167	16,013	17,199	17,427 *	17,071 *	16,715	98
Total 2005	210,553 *	210,972 *	214,800 *	213,393		170,241	165,287	165,038	163,424 *	169,134 *	171,740	
Total 2004	207,845	208,330	210,096	208,114		165,442	161,494	161,853	162,518	165,545	170,790	
%Prev. Year	101	101	102	103		103	102	102	101	102	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec	01-Jan	08-Jan	15-Jan	

\* Revised .      1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## **EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 3 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 3, 2005. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 3, 2005. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through December 3, 2005 were 8.34 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.